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Idaho June Red Meat Production 18 Percent of Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for June 2011 totaled 3.1 million pounds, 18 percent of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The decrease is due to closure of a slaughter facility in Idaho. Accumulated red meat production for the January-June 2011 period totaled 72.9 million pounds, down 27 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.22 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.18 billion pounds produced in June 2010. Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 2 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,262 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 4 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,500 head, up 6 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.94 million head, down 1 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from June 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 183,400 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from June a year ago. January to June 2011 commercial red meat production was 24.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

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